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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations

1. The Director met with the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations at 9:30 for approximately one hour. Present from the Subcommittee were:

George H. Mahon, Chairman
Glenard P. Lipscomb
Robert L. Michaels, Staff Assistant

Accompanying the Director were:

[REDACTED]
John S. Warner

There was no sweep of the room and no transcript.

2. The Director briefed on the second Chinese nuclear test in accord with the prepared text. In connection with this discussion, the Director mentioned the recent China conference mentioning the participation of [REDACTED] The purpose of the conference was to improve in general intelligence on China. He stated that it was planned to hold a similar conference

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incorporating an oriental point of view. Under proper safeguards, it was planned to have such people as [REDACTED] and others participate. These conferences are aimed at determining better ways of producing intelligence and filling in intelligence gaps. Mr. Lipscomb raised a question on the recent Soviet-ChiCom trade pact. The Director stated he would provide some information on this.

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✓ 3. The Director covered the Vietnamese situation and generally followed the briefing paper. He stated that careful study has been given to the question of what is the flash point for ChiCom intervention. The agreed estimate is that this will occur only when China's own national interests are threatened. Specifically, that point is a long way away yet. The Director stated that bombings of airfields, SAM sites and the Migs could be accomplished without reaching this point. He stated it as his opinion that we could bomb the heavy industry of North Vietnam without a ChiCom invasion. While this was given as his opinion, the DCI stated that he could be wrong. In response to a question as to whether a general bombing of civilian centers as well as industry in North Vietnam would trigger ChiCom action, the Director stated he was not sure. It was then queried whether an invasion of North Vietnam would trigger action and the Director stated he thought this would. The Director pointed out that the Soviets considered the North Vietnamese capable of learning quickly the techniques of modern weapons systems and that there were indicators that the Soviets would have few technicians with such systems.

4. Mr. Mahon queried whether or not there were some terrorist activities in Thailand. The Director stated there had been some such activities and mentioned that he had talked just recently with [REDACTED] who was a very capable person. He stated the Thais were taking action and had capable forces for this.

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6. Mr. Mahon stated that he would like to continue these weekly meetings but indicated they would have to be short and to the point. Mr. Warner advised Mr. Lipscomb that in connection with his query of last week about the Soviet economy that the Agency had been in touch with the Joint Economic Committee and it looked hopeful that the facts as we saw them on this subject would be published through that Committee.

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